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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.LINGESWARAN

CRL MP(MD) No. 22538 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011467742026}

Case QR

in

CRL A(MD) No. 1264 of 2026

Anjalai
W/o.Muthukaruppan,
Ammaiyanpuram,
Kothakottai Post,
Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukottai District,
(Now she is confined at Women Central Prison,
Trichy)

… Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

State of Tamilnadu
Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Alangudi Police Station,
Pudukottai District,
Crime No.149/2019.

..Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: To suspend the sentence imposed by learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Pudukkottai in S.C.No.58 of 2020 dated 15.09.2026 pending disposal of the criminal appeal.

For Petitioner :Mr.M. Ramu

For Respondent(s) : Mr.A.Robinson
Additional Public Prosecutor

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ORDER

This petition has been filed to suspend the sentence imposed on the petitioner by the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Pudukkottai in S.C.No.58 of 2020 dated 15.09.2026 and enlarge the petitioner on bail pending disposal of the above Criminal Appeal.

2. The trial Judge has convicted the petitioner for the offence punishable under Sections 304(1) and 201 of IPC and sentenced her to undergo rigorous imprisonment for the period 10 years for the offence under Section 304(1) of I.P.C with fine of Rs.1000/- and further sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for the period of 7 years for the offence under Section 201 of I.P.C. with fine of Rs.1000/- in default of payment of fine amounts, further period of simple imprisonment for the period of 3 months has been imposed. The sentences for the above offences shall run concurrently by the judgment dated 15.09.2026. the Total fine amount is Rs.2,000/- has been paid.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner/appellant, who is the wife of the deceased suspected the fidelity of her husband. On 31. 08.2018 at about 11.00 p.m they had a quarrel. As per the case of the prosecution the appellant pushed the deceased and he sustained injury on his forehead. Thereafter the appellant took a towel, wrapped it around the

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neck of the deceased, strangulated him and dragged him to the nearby well and put his body in the well. On the next day, the body was found, the petitioner/appellant was arrested, prosecuted and the trial court convicted the accused under Section 304 (1) of IPC and Section 201 of IPC and sentence her as stated above.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner pointed out that there was no eyewitness, though the son of the deceased was projected as an eyewitness he turned hostile and did not support the case of the prosecution.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the trial Court considering the incriminating circumstances convicted the accused under Section 304(1) of IPC and 201 of IPC.

6. A careful perusal of the judgment and the evidence on record would show that it is a case of strangulation. However, there is nothing on record to indicate that it was the petitioner/appellant who strangulated the deceased. What happened after the quarrel at 11:30 p.m is not known. The trial Court invoking Section 106 of the Evidence Act had convicted

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the petitioner/appellant under Section 304(1) of IPC. However, there is nothing on record to show as to whether the accused left the home after the quarrel or any explanation was offered. Considering these arguable points this court is inclined to suspend the sentence.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Miscellaneous Petition is allowed and the substantive sentence of imprisonment alone is suspended pending disposal of the Criminal Appeal and the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail on the following conditions:-

i. The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Additional District and Sessions Judge, Pudukkottai.

ii. The sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

iii. The petitioner shall appear before the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Pudukkottai., once in a month i.e. on the 1st working day of every month at 10.30 a.m., till the disposal of the appeal and if she is not able to appear before the trial Court on any day, she shall make arrangements to file an application under Section 355 B.N.S.S. and shall

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appear before the trial Court on any other day in lieu of the date of her absence, as directed by the trial Court.

iv. On violation of any of the above conditions by the petitioner, the respondent Police shall move an application for cancellation of the bail.

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To

1. The Additional District and Sessions Judge,
Pudukkottai.

2. Inspector Of Police, Alangudi
Police Station
Pudukottai District.

3. The Superintendent,
Women Central Prison,
Trichy.

4. The Additional Public Prosecutor
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court
Madurai

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